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FOR: POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING A NOVEL TESTIS-SPECIFIC

TUBULIN TYROSINE-LIGASE-LIKE PROTEIN, BGS42

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly enter the following amendments to the above captioned application. A copy of the ATCC Deposit Receipt for ATCC Deposit PTA-4454 is provided herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper